**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) 79, including short leave vacancies.

(*b*) Action is being taken to fill up the vacancies as early as possible ; leave is generally granted only on relief by substitutes as far as possible. There is also paucity of graduates for appointments.

### MINIMUM WAGES BILL—DETAILS REGARDING

**137.** മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന്ന് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

സിലക്ടു് കമ്മിറ്റിക്കയച്ചിരുന്ന മിനിമം വേജസു് ബിൽ തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കും മുതലാളികൾക്കും ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്ന തന്നെയും ഹാനികരമാണെന്നും കൊച്ചിയിൽ വ്യാപാരവ്യവസായ വികസനത്തിന്നു് ഈ ബിൽ ആപൽക്കരമാണെന്നും കാണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പത്രപ്രസ്താവനകൾ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: ഉവ്വു്.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

### Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan

### Dereliction of duty committed by Mr. P. Govinda Menon

*(Minister for Food and Education)*

**Mr. President:** Notice of an Adjournment Motion has been received from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan for discussing an urgent matter of public importance, to wit, namely the dereliction of duty committed by M.R.Ry. P. Govinda Menon Avl., M.A. & B.L., in his leaving his post of duty at the Indian Constituent Assembly to which this House had unanimonsly elected him to represent the State when the Union Constitution was under active consideration by the Assembly. That is the notice of the Adjournment Motion. I think this notice must have been given much earlier and not on the 6th day of the meeting. If the Hon'ble Member wishes to explain, he may do so.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President I shall immediately explain. I deliberately waited for this day. The information that the Constituent Assembly adjourned was contained in the papers that were received here last evening showing that it was adjourned on the 31st, that is the day before yesterday. The Hon'ble Minister had been pleased to say that there was nothing which had to be lost by his being not there. But yesterday, the paper that I read contained the information that the Assembly adjourned on the day before yesterday. There was more important news than that in it. I find that in the Union Constitution a very important matter namely the prerogative of the units that form the Union, Cochin being one of them, the prerogative of the Maharaja to pardon was under discussion, the result of which is absolutely immaterial for the present purpose. In the Union Constitution in which one State like ours with its advanced views which had expressed its willingness and readiness to join the union much earlier than anybody else when this power of our Maharaja to grant, the prerogative of our Maharaja to grant pardon, necessarily relating to the subjects of the State, is under discussion, if the Member, our representative is not there, that is a serious matter. Therefore till, the adjournment our representative ought to be there because we do not know when important things may arise, what important things may arise, what shape it may take after discussion, in what way our trusted representative, able representative will be able to turn the tide of events as he has been able to do on occassions, in other contexts, therefore it is an occasion, Sir, on which he had to be there till the very last moment. I find, Sir, that propably he must have left Delhi on the 24th ultimo. Various things have taken place between then and the adjournment of the Assembly the day before. The most arresting thing is the one thing I referred to earlier, namely the discussion on the prerogative of the rulers of States to grant pardon to their subjects, a precious and non surreuderable right of a federating State. I was thinking, Sir, that our representative may fly back any day to Delhi. That also has not been done. Now that the Assembly is adjourned there is no purpose in his going back. The matter of the adjournment of the Assembly was known only yesterday evening. Hence the matter of the adjournment motion is of recent occurrence.

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